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1. MAGDEBURG (Y60), 5-7 December 1949a. Encke Barracks: This area holds about 500 men wearing red epaulets.

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b. Friederichstadt (D69): About 4,000-5,000 men wearing black epaulets/red piping. Many older men have gone on leave.

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c. Burg (Y81): About 2,000 men wearing black epaulets/red piping occupy the August Bebelstrasse barracks.

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2. DAMM (E69), 5-9 December 1949

a. Occupied by about 2,500 ground troops, the total roughly composed of 1,800 artillery, 500 armored, the rest motorized riflemen. Artillerymen are assigned to foot patrols, guard posts are manned by motorized riflemen.

b. Twelve T34/85 tanks and sixteen guns judged to be 76.2 mm were seen in hangars (a partial count only, since not all hangars were open or within observation range). Thirteen 76.2 mm guns stood at the eastern edge of the field.

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Basic training has been completed; troops were being trained with two 85 mm AT guns and an unreported number of 57 mm AA and 127 mm AA. Most of the EM were in the 18-19 year old group.

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c. The former artillery school on the Brückenstrasse is held by armored and artillery troops. Several EM were seen with Guards insignia. Observation was difficult, but twelve T-34/85's were seen. This installation contains about 130 tanks and SU's. Strength is estimated at about 8,000 men.

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d. Approximately 3,000 armored, artillery, transportation and signal troops fill a barracks near the railroad station. Most of them are older men. There was heavy vehicle traffic between this and the Brückenstrasse barracks and soldiers in columns also marched between the two installations.

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3. NEUMS LAGER (E69), 5-9 December 1949

a. Occupied by about 2,500 men, 90 percent with artillery insignia, 10 percent with black epaulets/red piping. On 7 December about 150 EM, aged 20-25, marched from billets to the training field, where they exercised with four 57 mm AT guns.

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4. ALTES LAGER (E69), 5-9 December 1949

a. All buildings are occupied by armored, artillery and motorized rifle troops, total strength being about 3,500, of whom young motorized riflemen comprise 50 percent.

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According to a munitions worker at ALTES LAGER, this area contains about 40 tanks and 30 heavy guns.

b. At the Volkspolizei school, German police armed with carbines were posted at 100 meter intervals for a distance of about two kilometers.

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Woods between the inner and outer fences have been cut and the trees carted away.

c. A filling station at the fork of the small railroad to DAHME and the side line to ZOSSIN serves as a supply dump for local units. Armored troops manned its guard post.

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5. LUCKENWALDE (Z70), 28-30 November 1949

a. The Stalag is split into two sections, the western one being held by 600 older armored troops.

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The eastern section holds about 1,000 young troops without branch insignia who were undergoing field training, commanded by an artillery officer. Guard was maintained by artillerymen. Armored troops were erecting a wooden fence around the enclosure.

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b. About 200 men with black epaulets/red piping occupy the former grounds of the Müller strip metal factory. More than 100 armored and communications officers were seen inside or passing the guard post. No vehicles were in evidence.

c. Headquarters for LUCKENWALDE units is situated in the Stadt Theatre on the Luckauerstrasse.

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Local residents state that four generals reside in the enclosed section of the town.

d. An innkeeper who supplies groceries to units in the MARKENDORF area (E78) claims that there are 20,000-25,000 men there. Daily deliveries amount to 600 pounds of meat (30 Zentner) and 6,000 pounds of potatoes (300 Zentner).

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